Santary conditions at Visakhapatnam Railway Station

2484. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Visakhapatnam Railways Station is overcrowded and sanitary conditions are very poor; and

(b) if so, the action taken to improve the station and its surroundings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. To maintain the standard of cleanliness at the station and its surroundings, monitoring and supervision has been strengthened besides introduction of 'Pay & Use' scheme of toilets, removal of garbage and emphasis on mechanized cleaning processes. Eight computerised reservation counters are operating in two shifts at Visakhapatnam railway station besides four satellite reservation offices in the city so as to reduce overcrowding.

Stoppage of Lichchavi Express at Aligarh

†2485. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent upon non-stoppage of Lichchavi Express at Aligarh Station, which reaches Delhi covering Bihar and whole of Uttar Pradesh, the students of Aligarh Muslim University have to face many problems while other trains coming from various places stop there; if so, the reasons for non-stoppage of this train at this station; and

(b) whether Government propose to provide stoppage of the said train at Aligarh Station; if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) At present 5707/5708 Katihar-Amritsar Express is stopping at Aligarh and is providing direct connection to Bihar/Eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh and is adequately catering to the needs of the passengers.

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